

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on January 23, 2007 at 2:58 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 223, HB 227, HB 296, HB 350,
1/11/2007
Executive Action: HB 296

00:00:03 Rep. Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:18 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 223, Regional rural value-added agricultural program; appropriation for regional centers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Eric Iverson, Chief of Staff for United States Congressman Denny Rehberg
 00:09:11 Rep. Bob Bergren
 00:09:55 Bonnie Martinell, CEO & co-owner, On Thyme Gourmet
 00:10:38 Sen. Brueggeman
 00:11:52 Sen. Jerry Black
 00:13:14 Jay Preston, volunteer president, Lake County Community Development Corporation
 00:14:41 Randy Reed, producer; irrigation user
 00:16:38 Mark Peterson, Havre area producer; part-owner Peaks and Prairies
 00:17:42 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
 00:18:57 Bruce Wright, Board of Montana Innovation Centers as a representative of Montana Farm Bureau; Board Member of Great Northern Growers' Cooperative; fourth generation farmer from Belgrade
 00:20:02 Larry Mires, Executive Director, Saint Mary Rehabilitation Working Group (SMRWG)

EXHIBIT (aph15a01)

00:21:17 Linda Twitchell, Executive Director, Great Northern Development Corporation; agriculture producer
 00:22:37 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development Corporation, also represents producers

EXHIBIT (aph15a02)

00:23:44 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers' Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT (aph15a03)

00:25:34 Max Maddox, Chairman, Montana Water Resources Association, member of Saint Marys' Working Group, producer in Representative Musgrove's district
 00:26:54 David Oien, Conrad, General Manager, Timeless Seeds,

EXHIBIT (aph15a04)

00:32:41 Ole Norgaard, producer, Montana Organic Association, for Judy Owsowitz

EXHIBIT (aph15a05)

00:34:24 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:34:49 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

00:35:22 Jim Barngrover, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Program Manager, Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a07\)](#)

00:36:46 Bob Stevens, Montana Grain Growers' Association

00:37:06 Cheryl McArthur, Executive Director, Montana Cooperative Development Center

00:37:38 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

00:38:17 Jonda Crosby, AERO, Grow Montana Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:04 Rep. Morgan

00:41:57 Rep. Musgrove

00:42:14 Rep. Kasten

00:43:30 Rep. Musgrove

00:44:52 Rep. Beck

00:46:41 Rep. Musgrove

00:47:14 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:48:59 Mr. Iverson

00:51:07 Rep. Wells

00:53:20 Rep. Musgrove

00:54:54 Rep. Witte

00:55:54 Rep. Musgrove

00:56:31 Rep. Sinrud

00:57:13 Rep. Witte

00:57:46 Rep. Hawk

00:58:17 Rep. Musgrove

00:59:34 Mr. Tuss

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:20 Rep. Musgrove

HEARING ON HB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:41 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 227, Create carbon sequestration loan program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:58 Sen. John Cobb

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a10\)](#)

01:16:18 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a11\)](#)

01:21:16 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council and
Renewable Northwest Project

[EXHIBIT\(aph15a12\)](#)

01:22:18 Don Judge, Montana Chapter, Sierra Club

01:23:57 Steve Kelly, Friends of the Wild Swan

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:25:01 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation Resources
Development Association (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:24 Rep. Kasten

01:26:54 Rep. Erickson

01:28:14 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair

01:28:25 Rep. Erickson

01:28:40 Mr. Judge

01:29:34 Rep. Kasten

01:30:09 Sen. Cobb

01:30:33 Rep. Kasten

01:30:50 Mr. Beck

01:31:16 Rep. Hawk

01:32:44 Ms. Hedges

01:33:59 Rep. Sinrud resumed chair

01:35:43 Rep. Erickson

01:36:07 Rep. Sinrud

01:36:21 Rep. McChesney

01:36:38 Mr. Beck

01:37:00 Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:38 Rep. Erickson

HEARING ON HB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:54 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 296, Fee on fireworks transactions to fund fire
marshall's office.

EXHIBIT (aph15a13)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:43:05 Mike Mader, President, Big Sky Pyrotechnic Association
01:47:22 Roy Rogers, owner, Hong Kong Harry's
01:48:59 John (Jack) Cross, owner, wholesale fireworks stores in
Polson
01:52:02 Dick Mehaffey, Bozeman, T&T Fireworks
01:52:24 Mona Jamison, lobbyist, T&T Fireworks
01:55:21 Vic Reichenbach, Reichenbach Fireworks, Billings

Informational Testimony:

01:55:44 Mike Batista, Department of Justice, Administrator for
Criminal Investigation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:11 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 350

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:58:26 Rep. John Sinrud (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB
350, Revise law regarding executive budget.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:00:23 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Office of
Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:07 Rep. Morgan
02:01:42 Rep. Sinrud
02:02:18 Rep. Ripley
02:02:38 Mr. Moe
02:03:11 Rep. Taylor
02:03:44 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:15 Rep. Sinrud

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296

02:06:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Franklin moved that HB 296 **BE
TABLED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

02:07:02 Rep. Kasten
02:08:05 Rep. Sinrud

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:04 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph15aad.pdf](#))